

(2) MULTIPLE EXTENSIONS.—The State may extend a withdrawal described in paragraph (1) for any particular area—

(A) multiple times; but

(B) not more than once per calendar year.

(3) SEPARATE EXTENSIONS.—The State shall prepare separate extensions, with separate votes by the legislature of the State, for the withdrawal of areas for oil and gas leasing and for natural gas leasing.

(4) AREAS.—An extension by the State may affect some areas to be withdrawn from all leasing and some areas to be withdrawn only from 1 type of leasing.

(e) EFFECT OF OTHER LAWS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Adoption by the State of any constitutional provision, or enactment of any State law, that has the effect, as determined by the Secretary, of restricting the Governor or Legislature from exercising full discretion relating to subsection (g) or (h) shall, for the duration of the restriction, prohibit—

(A) any sharing of qualified outer Continental Shelf revenues or covered revenues under this Act with the State and the coastal political subdivisions of the State; and

(B) the State from exercising any authority under subsection (d).

(2) DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall make the determination of the existence of a restrictive constitutional provision or State law under paragraph (1) not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of a petition by any outer Continental Shelf lessee or coastal State.

(f) DISPOSITION OF COVERED REVENUES FROM STATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 9 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1338) and subject to the other provisions of this subsection, for each applicable fiscal year, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit—

(A) 50 percent of covered revenues in the general fund of the Treasury; and

(B) 50 percent of covered revenues in a special account in the Treasury from which the Secretary shall disburse—

(i) 75 percent to the State in accordance with paragraph (2); and

(ii) 25 percent to provide financial assistance to States in accordance with section 6 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4607-8), which shall be considered income to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for purposes of section 2 of that Act (16 U.S.C. 4607-5).

(2) ALLOCATION AMONG STATE AND COASTAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.—

(A) ALLOCATION TO STATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 AND THEREAFTER.—Effective for fiscal year 2007 and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount made available under paragraph (1)(B)(i) shall be allocated to the State.

(B) PAYMENTS TO COASTAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall pay 20 percent of the allocable share of the State, as determined under subparagraph (A), to the coastal political subdivisions of the State.

(ii) ALLOCATION.—The amount paid by the Secretary to coastal political subdivisions shall be allocated to each coastal political subdivision in accordance with subparagraphs (B) and (E) of section 31(b)(4) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1356a(b)(4)).

(3) TIMING.—The amounts required to be deposited under paragraph (1)(B) for the applicable fiscal year shall be made available in accordance with that paragraph during the fiscal year immediately following the applicable fiscal year.

(4) AUTHORIZED USES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the State and each coastal political sub-

division shall use all amounts received under paragraph (2) in accordance with all applicable Federal and State laws, only for 1 or more of the following purposes:

(i) Projects and activities for the purposes of coastal protection, including conservation, coastal restoration, sand or beach replenishment, or hurricane protection.

NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Wednesday, August 2, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting on S. 374, the Tribal Parity Act; S. 480, the Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2005; S. 660, the Lumbee Recognition Act; S. 1439, the Indian Trust Reform Act of 2005; and S. 1535, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Amendments Act of 2005.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 202-224-2251.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Monday, July 31, 2006, immediately following the next vote on the Senate Floor (tentatively scheduled to occur at 5:30 p.m.), in the President's Room, S-216 of the Capitol, to consider approving recommendations on proposed legislation implementing the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, and to consider favorably reporting S. 3495, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Vietnam.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, July 31, 2006, at 3 p.m. to hold a hearing on nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, July 31, 2006, to hold a markup to consider the nominations of Patrick W. Dunne to be Assistant Secretary for Policy & Planning and Thomas E. Harvey to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs, Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The meeting will take place in the Reception Room off the Senate floor in the Capitol following the first rollcall

vote of the day for the Senate currently scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDING THE IRAN AND LIBYA SANCTIONS ACT OF 1996

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 5877, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5877) to amend the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 to extend the authorities provided in such Act until September 29, 2006.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 5877) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING EFFECTIVE TREATMENT AND ACCESS TO CARE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration and the Senate proceed to S. Res. 420.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 420) expressing the sense of the Senate that effective treatment and access to care for individuals with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis should be improved.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 420) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 420

Whereas psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis are serious, chronic, inflammatory, disfiguring, and life-altering diseases that require sophisticated medical intervention and care;

Whereas, according to the National Institutes of Health, between 5,800,000 citizens and 7,500,000 citizens of the United States are affected by psoriasis;

Whereas psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis are—

(1) painful and disabling diseases with no cure; and

(2) diseases that have a significant and adverse impact on the quality of life of individuals diagnosed with them;

Whereas studies have indicated that psoriasis may cause as much physical and mental disability as other major diseases, including—

- (1) cancer;
- (2) arthritis;
- (3) hypertension;
- (4) heart disease;
- (5) diabetes; and
- (6) depression;

Whereas studies have shown that psoriasis is associated with elevated rates of depression and suicidal ideation;

Whereas citizens of the United States spend between \$2,000,000,000 and \$3,000,000,000 to treat psoriasis each year;

Whereas early diagnosis and treatment of psoriatic arthritis may help prevent irreversible joint damage;

Whereas treating psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis presents a challenge for patients and health care providers because—

- (1) no single treatment works for every patient diagnosed with the disease;
- (2) some treatments lose effectiveness over time; and
- (3) all treatments have the potential to cause a unique set of side effects;

Whereas, although safer and more effective treatments are now more readily available, many people do not have access to them; and

Whereas Congress as an institution, and the members of Congress as individuals, are in a unique position to help raise public awareness about the need for increased access to effective treatment options for psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

- (1) recognizes—
 - (A) the need for enhanced public awareness of psoriasis;
 - (B) the adverse impact that psoriasis can have on people living with the disease; and
 - (C) the importance of an early diagnosis and proper treatment of psoriasis;
- (2) supports the continuing leadership provided by the Director of the National Institutes of Health and the Director of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases for identifying a cure and developing safer, more effective treatments for psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis; and
- (3) encourages—
 - (A) researchers to examine the negative psychological and physical effects of psoriasis to better understand its impact on those who have been diagnosed with the disease; and
 - (B) efforts to increase access to treatments and care that individuals living with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis need and deserve.

PROVIDING FUNDING AUTHORITY TO FACILITATE THE EVACUATION OF PERSONS FROM LEBANON

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I ask that the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House to accompany S. 3741.

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the House as follows:

S. 3741

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 3741) entitled "An Act to provide funding authority to facilitate the evacuation of persons from Lebanon, and for other purposes", do pass with the following amendment:

Strike subsection (a) of section 1, and insert the following new subsection (a):

(a) *INCREASE IN AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS.*—Notwithstanding the transfer restrictions under section 402 of the Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-108), the second proviso under the headings "DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND RELATED AGENCY—DEPARTMENT OF STATE—ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS—DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS" is amended by striking "\$4,000,000" and inserting "\$19,000,000".

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate concur in the House amendment, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 4 AND H.R. 5970

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bills by title for the second time.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4) to provide economic security for all Americans, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 5970) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000, to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, and to extend expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, in order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceedings en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Without objection, the bills will be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2006

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I have been asked to ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, August 1; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired and the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate resume consideration of S. 3711 as under the previous order, with the time until the vote equally divided, with the Senate to stand in recess from 12:30 to 2:15 to accommodate the weekly policy luncheons.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. SPECTER. On behalf of the leader, I state that today we continued debate on the Gulf Coast Energy Security bill and invoked cloture, 72 to 23. Senators wishing to speak on the bill should come to the floor tomorrow. The vote on passage will occur at 5 p.m. tomorrow. Senators are reminded that we have a great deal of work to complete before the August recess, and Members should expect a full week with late nights possible all week.

I thank my colleagues again for their cooperation as we wrap up important legislative priorities.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SPECTER. On the leader's wrap-up, this is inconsistent with morning business, but the leader says: If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

May the record show that the Presiding Officer is smiling.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:19 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, August 1, 2006, at 9:45 a.m.